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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of 1/14/2004 the following amendment in the above-identified application is respectfully submitted:

**In the Claims:**

1. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising: an upright stand terminating at an upper end thereof, with an integral frame defining an aperture; the frame and the upper end of the upright stand joined at a crotch; and, a tie-on terminal in the form of a mushroom, extending from the crotch, upwardly into the aperture.
2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the upright stand is generally cylindrical.
3. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the upright stand is generally cone shaped.
4. (original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the upright stand is generally rectangular and upwardly tapered.
5. (original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the upright stand comprises plural contiguous, coaxial, sections including a base section, a center section joined to the base section at an inwardly directed annular step, and an upper section joined to the center section at an outwardly directed annular step.
6. (original) The apparatus of claim 3 wherein the upright stand comprises two contiguous, coaxial, sections including a central section, and joined to the central section at an outwardly directed annular step, an upper section.
7. (canceled) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the tie-on terminal is in the form of a mushroom.